

Property/District Name: Leister House Survey Number: CARR-694  
Project: Westminster Bypass (MD 140) Agency: SHA  
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no      yes Name                      Date               
Eligibility recommended              Eligibility **not** recommended X  
Criteria:     A     B XC     D Considerations:     A     B     C     D     E     F     G     None  
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)  
This property was determined not eligible for the NR by MHT letter dated 4/27/1994.

NR program concurrence: X yes    \_\_\_ no    \_\_\_ not applicable  
\_\_\_\_\_  
BK  
Reviewer, NR program  
5/23/97  
Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- ☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- ☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.  
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.  
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.  
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.  
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.  
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900  
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600  
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750  
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
☐ Unknown Period ( ☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- ☐ Subsistence  
☐ Settlement  
☐ Political  
☐ Demographic  
☐ Religion  
☐ Technology  
☐ Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- ☒ Agriculture  
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning  
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
☐ Government/Law  
☐ Military  
☐ Religion  
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural  
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single dwelling; outbuilding; Agriculture/agricultural

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

CARR - 694

900 GORSUCH ROAD

*Leister House*

late 19th century

Westminster vicinity

private

900 Gorsuch Road is a representative log farmhouse of the mid-to-late nineteenth century. The typical characteristics of this type of structure are its construction situated into a bank with a full-basement level on the main facade and the modest proportions of the two-story log structure. Twentieth century remodeling includes modern window sash and an enclosed, one-story front porch.



## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

225. N. Center Street  
Westminster, Maryland 21157

## WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

## FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

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SURVEY NUMBER:

CARR-694

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

Westminster

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE:

residence

ORIGINAL USE:

residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ( )

Good (X)

Fair ( )

Poor ( )

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT:

late 19th century

COUNTY:

CARROLL

TOWN:

Westminster vicinity

LOCATION:

900 Gorsuch Road

TAX MAP 46 Block 4-10 P-5

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE:

residence

OWNER:

Terry R. Hall (heister Farm)

ADDRESS:

900 Gorsuch Rd  
Westminster MD 21157

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes ( )

No (X)

Restricted ( )

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local ( )

State ( )

National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone (X) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )

2. Wall Structure

A. Wood: Log (X) Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )

B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )

C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other

3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard ( ) German Siding (X) Board and Batten ( )  
Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( ) Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
Bonding Pattern: Other:

4. Roof Structure

A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )

B. Other:

5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ( )  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:

6. Engineering Structure:

7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (X) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( )  
Ells (X) Wings ( ) Other:Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( )  
With False Front ( ) Other:

Number of Stories:

2 (full basement)

Number of Bays:

3 x 1

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location: enclosed porch

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )

Development ( ) Deterioration ( )

Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive ( ) Negative ( )

Mixed ( ) Other:

## ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

bank house - full basement on main facade

log structure - remodeled in mid 20th century

## RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

frame barn

sheds

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

representative log structure of the period

## REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map:

1877 LG &amp; S Atlas:

## SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Land ☒ Woodland ☐ Scattered Buildings ☐  
 Moderately Built Up ☐ Densely-Built Up ☐  
 Residential ☐ Commercial ☐  
 Agricultural ☐ Industrial ☐  
 Roadside Strip Development ☐  
 Other:

## RECORDED BY:

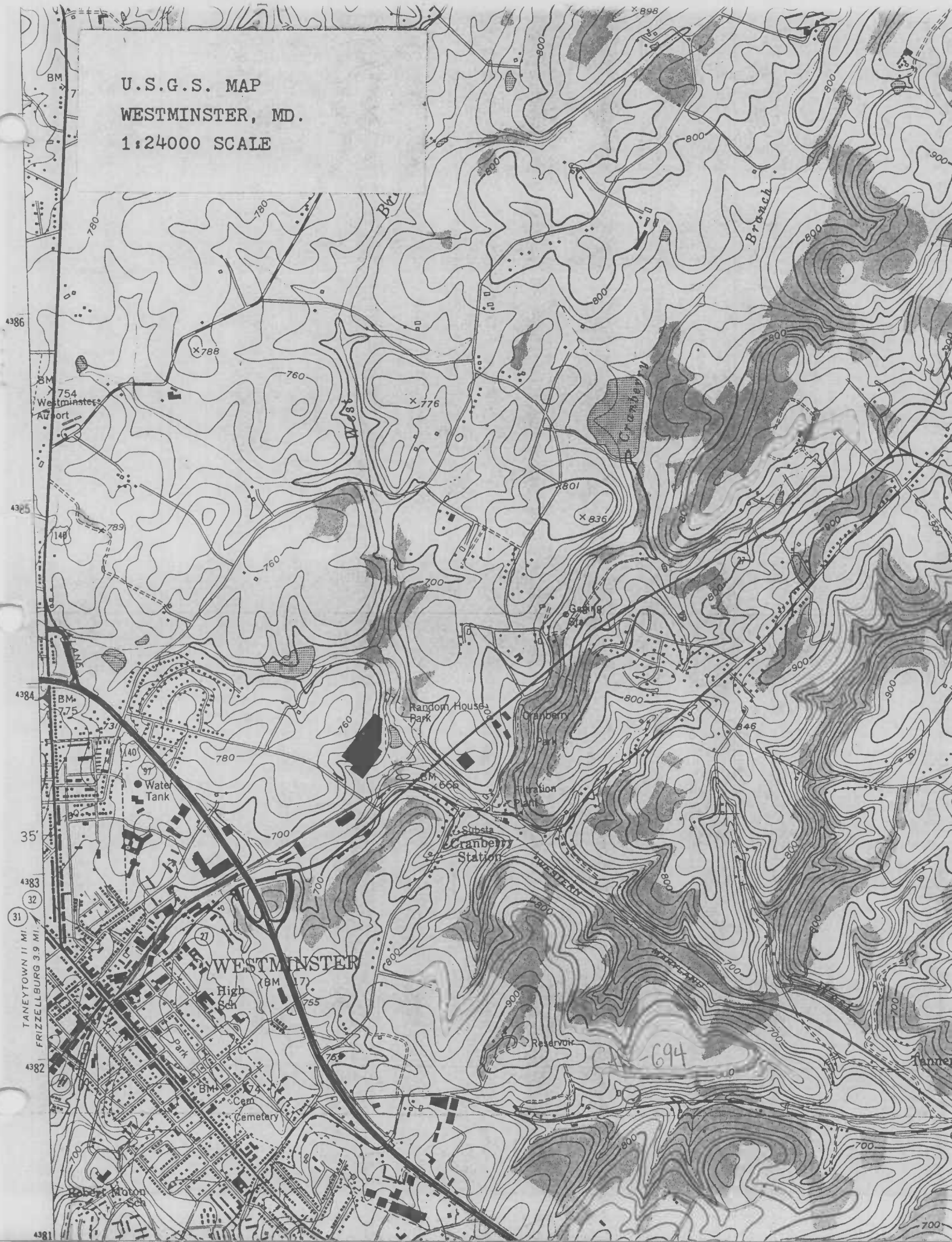
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## ORGANIZATION:

## DATE RECORDED:

8/83

U.S.G.S. MAP  
WESTMINSTER, MD.  
1:24000 SCALE



4386  
4385  
4384  
35'  
4383  
32  
31  
TANEYTOWN 11 MI.  
FRIZZELLBURG 3.9 MI.  
4382  
4381



1. CARR-694      900 GORSUCH ROAD
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. August 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. South elevation (camera facing north)
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